

## PROHIBITION FIGHT IN HOUSE

Resolution Looking Toward  
Making Country Dry  
Up Today.

### SPIRITED DEBATES.

Representative Hobson Marshals the  
Advocates of the Measure Whose  
Defeat Seems Assured.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Legislative  
weapons were burned up for the  
final struggle in the House of Rep-  
resentatives today over the Hobson  
constitutional amendment for national  
prohibition. The fight began at 10  
o'clock this morning, to last until  
the roll is called on the resolution to  
submit the amendment to the State  
Legislatures for ratification.

Opponents of prohibition are cer-  
tain it will be impossible to muster  
the affirmative vote of two-thirds of  
the House necessary to send the  
point resolution to the Senate. The  
supporters of the resolution claim "a  
substantial majority," which at least  
will assure victory in the preliminary  
skirmish—the vote on the special rule  
presented by Chairman Henry of the  
Rules Committee for the considera-  
tion of the Hobson resolution.

The rule will be voted on after two  
hours of debate and its adoption is  
virtually conceded, as many oppo-  
nents of the resolution itself have  
announced their intention of voting  
for the rule to open the way for  
the final action on the question.

Under the terms of the rule eight  
hours of general debate were al-  
lowed on the resolution and a field  
day of oratory has followed. Repre-  
sentative Hobson had a list of some  
30 members who wished to speak in  
support of the measure, and numer-  
ous applications had been made for  
time in opposition.

All efforts to arrive at a division  
of time failed so Speaker Clark  
controlled, endeavoring to allot time  
as equally as possible. Majority  
Leader Underwood headed the list  
of speakers who opposed the resolu-  
tion while Representative Hobson  
led the advocates.

The Hobson resolution proposes a  
constitutional amendment as follows:  
"Section 1.—The sale, manufacture  
for sale, transportation for sale, ex-  
portation for sale, and importation  
for sale of intoxicating liquors for  
beverage purposes in the United  
States and all territory subject to the  
jurisdiction thereof are forever pro-  
hibited.

Sec. 2.—Congress shall have power  
to provide for the manufacture, sale,  
importation and transportation of  
intoxicating liquors for sacramental,  
medical, mechanical, pharmaceutical  
or scientific purposes or for use  
in the arts, and shall have power to  
enforce this article by all needful  
legislation."

The resolution carries a preamble  
setting forth that science has de-  
monstrated alcohol to be narcotic  
poison, and reciting its evil effects.

There are some 800 members in  
Washington and the prohibition  
leaders asserted their confidence that  
well over one third of these would  
vote in favor of the resolution.

Dr. James Cannon of Richmond,  
is one of the most active of the  
temperance workers at the capitol.

### BOY EXONERATES NEGRO.

Newport News, Va., Dec. 22.—Pé-  
ter Wright, 16 years old, who was  
shot by James A. Foreman, a negro  
boy, exonerated the latter before  
passing away in St. Francis Hospi-  
tal here, after undergoing an opera-  
tion in a vain effort to save his  
life.

The boys found two old revolvers  
Wednesday afternoon and were ex-  
amining them when one exploded,  
the bullet lodging in young Wright's  
stomach and perforating the intes-  
tines. Wright declared the shooting  
was accidental.

## NEWS OF THE DAY

Sudden orders to the battleship  
Delaware to be ready to sail for  
Mexico by Sunday caused a stir in  
navy circles at Norfolk. She recently  
returned from Vera Cruz, where  
she was on duty several months.

John Milton Ward 6 years old, son  
of John Ward, bartender, living at  
1231 Thirtieth street, Georgetown,  
was killed yesterday afternoon on a  
trestle in Rosslyn, Va. by a car of  
the Washington and Old Dominion  
Railroad.

Turkey is following her usual dil-  
atory tactics in connection with the  
Hodeida incident, which is still in  
abeyance. The Turkish authorities  
at Hodeida have not heeded the or-  
ders sent from Constantinople  
through the Italian government's in-  
sistence, and have not released the  
British consul nor punished the po-  
lice who broke into the Italian con-  
sulate. It is said that the Italian  
government is determined not to  
permit further delay, and has warn-  
ed the Turkish Ambassador here that  
unless immediate satisfaction is  
given coercive measures will be re-  
stored to.

Charging that he betrayed her un-  
der promise of marriage, and then  
deserted her for another, Miss Nancy  
Clay, a pretty young society girl, of  
Paris, Ky., filed suit in the common  
pleas court at Cincinnati yesterday,  
seeking \$25,000 damages from Am-  
brose Holters, 21 years old, and the  
son of B. J. Holters, one of Cincin-  
nati's leading manufacturers. Miss  
Clay is the daughter of Brutus J.  
Clay, a prominent stockraiser and to-  
bacco man, and is a member of the  
famous Clay family of Kentucky.

Discontent with German domina-  
tion is increasing rapidly in Austria,  
while the people are saying the  
Austrians are being exposed to  
slaughter to save the Germans. Num-  
erous duels have taken place between  
German and Austrian officers, and  
the German staff is continually re-  
placing Austrian officers with Ger-  
man noncommissioned officers. Field  
Marshal von Hindenburg is quoted  
as saying, "I'll not continue to di-  
rect the campaign unless the arch-  
dukes remain at least 3 miles behind  
the firing line."

An unfavorable report on the no-  
mination by President Wilson of Judge  
Ewing C. Bland of Kansas City, to  
be United States marshal for the  
Western district of Missouri, yester-  
day was made to the Senate Ju-  
diciary Committee by Senator Reed,  
of Missouri.

Federal Judge W. T. Newman, of  
Atlanta, Ga., before whom the latest  
move in the Leo M. Frank case was  
made Saturday, yesterday declined to  
grant a certificate stating that, in  
his opinion, there was probable cause  
for an appeal to the Supreme Court  
the United States in the habeas cor-  
pus proceedings. He denied the ap-  
plication for the writ Saturday.

It is learned from an authoritative  
source that the Pope will give a so-  
lemn audience to the sacred college on  
Christmas Eve, when he will deliver  
a most important allocution about  
the war and his efforts to hasten  
peace. The pontiff announces that  
he intends to make another appeal to  
th sovereigns now at war.

Four small children died of burns  
in Philadelphia yesterday. Three of  
them perished as the result of burns  
which they received the same day  
while playing with fire and the fourth  
died after lingering 12 days.

The archbishops and bishops of  
the Germany empire have ordered  
Sunday, January 10, set aside as a  
day of prayer and penance in the  
army.

Lieut. Frederick J. Goerstner, ob-  
server, was drowned when the Uni-  
ted States army aeroplane, No. 29,  
plunged into the Pacific off Ocean-  
side yesterday morning on its flight  
from San Diego to Los Angeles.  
Capt. Hollis H. Miller, pilot of the  
craft, managed to cling to the wreck-  
ed machine until rescuers reached  
him. Aeroplane No. 29, together  
with five other military planes, left  
San Diego early yesterday morning  
to compete for the Mackay trophy.

Norfolk Oysters in all styles at the  
Rammel cafe.

## RUSSIANS MAKE COUNTER ATTACK

Kaiser's Troops are in Par-  
tial Control of Rail-  
roads.

### GERMANS REPULSED.

Teutons Fail in Effort to Drive an  
Opening Wedge in the Czar's Line  
of Defenses.

London, Dec. 22.—The Russian for-  
ces on the line of defense before War-  
saw are today directing a strong  
counter attack against the Germans  
between Rawa and the Pilica river.  
Skierniewice, the important railroad  
point, southeast of Lowicz, has prac-  
tically been abandoned by the Rus-  
sians, according to reports reaching  
here.

With this backward movement by  
the Russians the Germans are in  
partial possession of both railroad  
lines leading to Warsaw from the  
west and southwest, but by their at-  
tacks beyond Rawa, it is evident that  
the Russians are endeavoring to  
swing the main point of contact of  
the vast engagement in Poland fur-  
ther south to avoid all possibility of  
being cornered between the fortress  
of Warsaw and Novo Georgievsk and  
the Vistula.

Heavy German forces have been  
repulsed in their efforts to drive an  
opening in the Russian line. The  
army of Field Marshal von Hinden-  
burg is declared to have made little  
progress in the assaults directed  
toward the city of Sochaczew. By  
the counter attacks further south, it  
is believed the Russians may force a  
shifting of the German forces, di-  
minishing the power of attack along  
the Vistula and the Bzura.

Vienna (Via Berlin and London),  
Dec. 22.—"In the upper Latorezi  
river district in the Carpathians  
northeast of the Lupkows passes,  
we have made progress," the official  
statement issued here asserts.

"Severe fighting continues on the  
Krosno and Tuchow front and on the  
lower Donajec. In Southern Poland,  
the situation is unchanged."

### EXECUTIONS IN MEXICO

Castula Baca Millionaire Held for  
\$100,000 Ransom.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 22.—Seventeen  
executions of persons of more or less  
prominence were held in Mexico City  
last week, according to Americans  
who arrived today from the capital.  
Among the killed were three gen-  
erals, Garcia, Hidalgo, Morgui, and  
Delgado, all of whom belonged to  
the regular military establishment  
remained in Mexico after the de-  
parture of Gen. Huerta.

Fourteen persons have been ex-  
ecuted in Chihuahua City, in the past  
week, in addition to about 130 pre-  
viously reported killed during the  
past month, according to the Amer-  
icans, who said it is customary to  
keep an execution squad ready  
to shoot down whomever the officer in  
command may point out. They said  
they saw more than one of these kil-  
lings.

Albert Gonzales, former assistant  
district clerk here, was arrested in  
Juarez today by order of Gen. Tomas  
Ornelas, commanding the Villa  
forces. He is in jail, and in fear of  
execution. It is said he is accused of  
political activity against the Villa  
cause.

One hundred thousand dollars in  
gold must be paid by Castula Baca  
richest man in the millionaire town  
of Parral, Mexico for his liberty.

### CRYSTAL RESTAURANT

Will be open as first class  
place and up to date quick  
service.

126 S. Royal

WANTED—Experienced waitress at  
once, good wages. Apply Tuesday  
between 8 and 10 o'clock at 126  
south Royal street.

## MISS CLEARY VANISHES.

She Does Not Care to See Her  
Father At Present

New York, Dec. 22.—Having ob-  
tained her father's acquittal at his  
trial on a charge of killing his son-  
in-law, Mrs. Anna Cleary Newman,  
the girl widow of Eugene M. New-  
man, after her sacrifice, sought the  
seclusion of her home in West 152d  
Street, while William V. Cleary,  
town clerk of Haverstraw, was being  
congratulated by his friends in  
Haverstraw on having been acquit-  
ted of the charge of murder.

Although Cleary's daughter went  
on the witness stand and did not  
spare herself or the memory of her  
young husband of a few days in or-  
der to win her father's liberty, it  
was said that the girl did not care to  
see her father until she could forgive  
his slaying of Newman.

The girl was spirited away, to New  
York while Cleary was waiting for  
the jury to bring in a verdict.

### KILLED WOMAN FOR \$15.

Mrs. Antoinette Becker 53 Years  
Old Confesses.

Detroit, Dec. 22.—Mrs. Antoinette  
Becker, 53 years old, confessed Sun-  
day night, according to the police,  
that she killed Miss Frances Bom-  
holt, the aged woman who was found  
beaten to death in her home here  
last Wednesday.

Robbery was the motive. Fifteen  
dollars, which Mrs. Becker told the  
police she took from a drawer in  
Miss Bomholt's house was found  
concealed in the slayer's home.

Half a dozen men had been de-  
tained and questioned by the police  
before Mrs. Becker's arrest.

Mrs. Becker was a daily caller at  
the home of Miss Bomholt, to whom  
she sold bread and pastry.

### ALEXANDRIANS IN COMPANY.

Miss Virginia Ale and Josephine  
Duffey at Poli's This Week

Considerable interest is being felt  
in Alexandria in the appearance of  
Misses Virginia Ale and Josephine  
Duffey, two popular young Alexan-  
drians at Poli's Theatre, in Wash-  
ington this week. Both of these  
gifted young people, take part in  
the big production of "Our Cinderel-  
la" which is being presented by the  
Poli Players. There have been a  
large number of residents of this  
city attending the performances this  
week.

### BLEASE MAY EMPTY PRISONS

South Carolina Executive Hints of  
Issuance Of Many Pardons at  
Christmas.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 22.—South  
Carolina is wondering what Govern-  
or Blease will do in the way of  
celebrating Christmas by pardoning  
convicts. Following his sensational  
pardon of 101 convicts on Thanks-  
giving he made his record of par-  
dons and paroles since he entered the  
governor's office 1435 during the sum-  
mer campaign when the governor  
was defeated for the nomination for  
the United States Senate.

In speaking of pardons he said  
that Christmas was coming and if his  
office did not have enough pardon  
blanks the printing office was up the  
street.

There are only about 160 convicts  
in the penitentiary and on the State  
farm, although the various public  
works of the forty-four counties of  
the State have many prisoners serv-  
ing short sentences. The penitentiary  
has room for something over 1,000  
prisoners, but it is generally believed  
that this institution will have few  
occupants after Christmas Day or  
January 15, when Richard I. Mann-  
ing succeeds Blease as governor.

### SEEKS DEATH UNDER ENGINE.

Philadelphia, Dec. 22.—Because he  
was out of work and hungry, Tony  
Begger, 28 years old, who said his  
home is in Poland, attempted suicide  
yesterday by wedging his body be-  
tween the huge driving wheels of a  
locomotive at the yards of the B.  
and O. Railroad. Thirty-fifth and  
Wharton streets. The man was res-  
cued just before the engine was  
about to pull out of the yard by  
Peter Ferriek, a railroad detective.  
Ferriek placed the man under ar-  
rest and he was sent to the House of  
Correction for three months.

## GERMANS LEAVE MIDDLEKERKE

Also Reported that the In-  
vaders Have Evacuat-  
ed Ostend.

### TOWNS BOMBARDED.

Allies' Warships Play Conspicuous  
Part at Coast in Forcing Teutons  
From Their Positions.

London Dec. 22.—Foot by foot in  
places, yard by yard in others mile by  
mile occasionally, the German forces  
all along the 200 mile front in France  
and Belgium are being forced back  
from their trenches by the concert-  
ed assaults of the allies.

The general offensive which has  
been slowly gathering weight with  
the tidal wave of re-enforcements is  
slowly but surely hammering back  
the Germans and the official Paris  
communiqué today declares that pro-  
gress has been made at every point.

Marked advances have been made  
in Flanders. Near La Bassée the  
British retrieved their reverses by a  
brilliant attack which recaptured the  
trenches they had lost. Time and  
again on the western end the fight-  
ing the French and British, during  
temporary lulls in the violent can-  
nonading, resort to the bayonets in  
charges that each time netted an-  
other gain in the marvelous battle  
of trenches.

Paris, Dec. 22.—After two weeks  
fighting in an effort to maintain  
their hold on the Belgian coast, the  
Germans are reported to have evacu-  
ated Middlekerke, north of Ostend  
today.

Unconfirmed reports declare their  
line has been thrown even farther  
back, and that Ostend has been evacu-  
ated.

The coast towns of Zeebrugge and  
Heyst have been vigorously bom-  
barded by the allied warships within  
the last two days. This has been in  
support of the general movement to  
clear the coast while the French and  
British in the Dixmude and Ypres  
region are forcing the enemy back  
upon the Bruges-Roulers-Courtra  
line.

### WILL FIGHT TO A FINISH

French Premier Makes Statement  
Before Chamber of Deputies

Paris, Dec. 22.—"To fight —without  
mercy until Europe is definitely  
liberated by a fully victorious peace.  
This is the only policy considered by  
the French government. France's de-  
claration for a war to the finish was  
made today by Premier Viviani in a  
statement before the chamber of  
deputies convening the new session  
of parliament.

The government's statement was  
brief. Responsibility for the war  
was placed with Germany, but the  
very opening paragraph of the gov-  
ernment's pronouncement left no  
doubt that France was prepared,  
and considered no other policy than a  
war to the bitter end. The statement  
began:

"This communication is no such as  
governments usually make in out-  
lining for the first time its policies.

"At the present hour there is but  
one policy to fight without mercy un-  
til Europe is definitely liberated by  
a fully victorious peace."

The opening of this war session of  
parliament was under exceedingly  
dramatic conditions. Many members  
of the chamber of deputies as well  
as senators returned from the front,  
where they are serving with the  
army. Three deputies and one mem-  
ber of the Senate have been killed  
in action.

The session is expected to be short.  
Adjournment may be taken by  
Thursday after the bills which will  
be presented by the government are  
passed. These bills include a vote  
of six months' provisional credit,  
suspension of the senatorial elec-  
tions, modification of the naturaliza-  
tion laws to meet the situation  
growing out of the war as related  
to Germans now in France, and  
parliamentary measures.

## LOCAL BREVITIES

A Christmas entertainment was  
given last night in the Assembly  
Hall of St. Mary's Academy and  
will be repeated this afternoon at the  
Young Men's Sodality Lyceum Hall.  
Music was furnished by the Holy  
ame Society Band.

The regular meeting of Alexandria  
Camp, No. 14335, Modern Woodmen  
of America, will be held Wednesday,  
December 23, at 7:30 P. M. Officers  
for the coming year will be elected  
at this meeting.

The market will be open all day  
Thursday, but will be closed Friday.  
The market on Saturday will close at  
10 o'clock.

Samaritan Rebecca Lodge, No. 27,  
I. O. O. F., will hold their regular  
meeting tonight at which time the  
nomination and election of officers  
will take place.

Go to Gilbert Shaffer's stand in mar-  
ket for your Christmas Wreathes

Live Turkeys 18 to 20 cents per  
pound, dressed Turkeys, 20 cents,  
chickens, 15 cents per pound. W. P.  
Graves, 635 South Fairfax street,  
22-3t.

### STRUCK BY KAISER

German Emperor Refuses to Apolo-  
gize for his Act.

London, Dec. 22.—The true story of  
the delay in sending three 42 centi-  
meter German guns to the Belgian  
coast has just leaked out. It is cer-  
tainly one of the most startling de-  
velopments in the repertoire of the  
German emperor's recent doings that  
has yet come to light, and fully ex-  
plains his quarrel with the Krupps.

An English army officer, who ar-  
rived in charge of German prisoners  
ascertained from one of them that  
the distinguished Krupp engineer,  
Herr Blesner, was specially sent by  
the Krupp firm to the charge of the  
fixing and transportation of the  
monster guns.

On arriving at Antwerp the engi-  
neer had a dispute with the Grand  
Duke of Wurttemberg as to the man-  
ner in which the guns were to be  
placed upon the coast. Herr Blesner  
appealed in a personal interview to  
the kaiser. The emperor supported  
the view of the grand duke and told  
the engineer that in the future he  
must take his orders without ques-  
tion.

Herr Blesner replied in a manner  
which the kaiser regarded as disre-  
spectful. The emperor in his rage  
struck Herr Blesner in the face. The  
engineer at once returned to Essey  
and handed in his resignation to the  
Krupp firm, declaring he would not  
resume his duties unless the kaiser  
apologized.

The Krupps asked the emperor to  
apologize, but he declined point blank  
and requested that another engineer  
should be sent to take charge of the  
transportation of the howitzers. Up  
to the time of this writing no engi-  
neer has been found to take Herr  
Blesner's place, with the result that  
the Germans are still helpless to reply  
to the fire of the British ships off  
Ostend. The three monster guns,  
meanwhile, are still cooling their  
heels in the Krupp factory.

### HAILSLIDE STOPS TRAINS.

One Pennsy Track is Covered in  
Spots for 14 Miles.

Williamsport, Pa., Dec. 22.—The  
westbound track of the Pennsylvania  
Railroad between Queens Run and  
Ritchie, for about 14 miles, was bur-  
ied to a depth of from 5 to 10 inches  
yesterday by an avalanche of hail-  
stones, which early in morning rolled  
and poured down every gully on  
the mountainside along the railroad  
quickly covering that part of the  
roadbed.

The billions of little hailstones were  
ground fine in their descent, and  
formed into an almost solid mass as  
they struck the roadbed, so that it  
was impossible to push an engine  
through the mass.

Workmen, including 100 Renovo  
shop men, attacked the deposit at  
both extremities and labored 10  
hours before clearing the track at  
Queens Run and Ritchie.

Norfolk Oysters Daily at the Hotel  
Rammel.

## WAR FEVER STRIKES OTHER COUNTRIES

Greece and Roumania  
Ready to Cast Lots  
With the Allies.

### ITALY IS ALSO READY

Master Strokes of Diplomacy At-  
tributed to The Envoys of En-  
land, France and Russia

London, Dec. 22.—Greece and Rou-  
mania are momentarily expected to  
enter the great war on the side of  
the allies. While no definite an-  
nouncement has been made by the  
foreign office, it became known to-  
day that the Triple Entente has re-  
ceived assurance from Bulgaria that  
she will remain strictly neutral in  
the war, and as a result of this de-  
claration Great Britain, France, and  
Russia have given Greece and Rou-  
mania guarantees that they will not  
be attacked by Bulgaria if they en-  
ter the struggle with the allies.

It is pointed out that the Triple  
Entente would not have given the  
two smaller nations such assurance  
had not they been certain that it  
would lead to action.

The assurance from Bulgaria that  
she will remain neutral is regarded  
as a master stroke of diplomacy on  
the part of the allies. The manner  
in which the Bulgarians were brought  
into line is not known.

With the apparent certainty that  
Greece and Roumania are soon to  
be actively engaged in the struggle,  
the question is being asked on all  
sides, "How long will it be before  
Italy comes in?"

The police of that country now  
great difficulty in controlling demon-  
strations last Sunday. When the  
Italian people see the armies of  
Roumania and Greece pushing into  
Austria, it is believed the authori-  
ties will be unable to restrain the  
Italian war demonstration.

Greece and Roumania have been  
anxious to get into the fight. Per-  
haps that Bulgaria would join with  
Turkey has held them back. To keep  
Bulgaria out of the war meant not  
only that the influence of Germany  
and Austria must be overcome, but  
the wounds that were caused last  
year, when Greece, Serbia and  
Turkey deprived Bulgaria of Salonica,  
Monastir, and Adrianople must be  
healed.

Certain diplomats say they have  
understood for some time that Bul-  
garia has been promised Adrianople  
and a large slice of the present Tur-  
kish territory in Europe. In addition  
to this there is said to have been  
some concessions by Serbia and  
Greece of territory taken from her  
if she would remain neutral.

Germany and Austria will be face  
with a great problem should Greece  
and Roumania enter the war at this  
time. Roumania could throw into  
the field 300,000 well equipped troops  
without delay. These troops could  
pour into Transylvania joining force  
with the Russian troops already in  
Hungary.

This would put Hungary in a posi-  
tion where she might be compelled  
to withdraw her troops from Galicia  
to meet the Roumanians. This  
would mean the Germans must find  
other troops to help the hardpressed  
Austrians.

Greece would prove a great aid to  
England and Russia by attacking the  
Turkish coast in Asia and so forcing  
the Turks to weaken their advance  
toward the Russian Caucasus and  
the Suez canal. In addition, Greece  
could help Serbia to push forward  
into Bosnia, and promote an uprising  
among the Serbs there and in Herzegovina.

### The Carlyle Tea Rooms

Women's Exchange

### BUSINESS MEN'S LUNC

WAFFLES A SPECIALTY  
Orders taken for Christmas pudd-  
ing, plum pudding, mince pie.